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LOCAL NEWS

Prevailing epidemics have about closed The Times office this week and as a result the paper is issued with but little news matter. Our readers will please bear with us this week and we will endeavor to do better next week.

E. O. Dewey reports the call for residence property is increasing.

Geo. M. Dewey has been confined to the house this week by an attack of grippe.

Mrs. James Woodworth, of Ovid, spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. Leon Miner.

L. W. Todd of Boston, has been a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Todd, during the week.

Adam Deckert will close his tailor shop on Washington street and will enter the employ of M. J. DeYoung.

Judge and Mrs. S. S. Miner left the first of the week for a trip to Florida to be absent until the first of next month.

C. P. Bentley left Monday evening on a month's trip to the Pacific coast to buy lumber for the Owosso Manufacturing Company.

A. G. Williams of East Orange, N. J., is confined to his residence as the result of a physical operation he recently underwent.

W. G. Duffield, who recently sold his business to O. W. Fishbeck, with his family left Thursday for Lang Branch, California, to reside.

Herbert Towler, of Cornhus, died Monday in Minneapolis, Minn., where he had gone to visit relatives. He was a son of Rev. Thomas Towler. The deceased had been a traveling salesman for a long period and was highly respected by a wide circle of friends who esteemed him highly.

Representatives of the State Tax Commission are in the city going over the assessed valuation of the property and will make such changes in the same as they deem proper. They will inspect much of the property in the entire county and will complete their work before the time of the spring meeting of the boards of review.

Because their train was one or two minutes later than their schedule allows, at Saginaw, miners at the Mule Henry mine refused to go to work on Saturday morning, throwing nearly 200 out of work, and causing the loss of nearly 100 tons of coal, the average daily production of the mine. The miners get so much money that they don't have to work more than half the time. If the farmers acted that way the miners would not have much to eat.—St. John's Republican.

LOWDEN FOR ECONOMY

Term as Governor a Record of Saving and Efficiency.

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The high cost of government has supplied the supporters of Frank O. Lowden the platform on which they are confident he will be elected president of the United States.

Governor Lowden was born on a farm and worked his way through school by teaching. He is a product of the Middle West, having been born in Minnesota, raised in Iowa and then coming to Chicago. He worked as a clerk in a Chicago law office for \$8 a week while preparing for his profession. Later he entered politics. He was three elected congressman from the Thirteenth Illinois district before voluntarily retiring.

He was elected governor of the state in 1916 by a tremendous plurality and his record as chief executive has put him in the list of presidential possibilities. Friends of the governor explain that he had to be dragged into the race for president. Certainly he does not seem to worry about the outcome of the campaign.

"I think one of the greatest needs of the country today is a stronger, finer, happier Americanism," said Governor Lowden. "We can compel aliens to respect our form of government, or get out, and that we must do. At the same time we are under the profound necessity of earning that respect from all right thinking men. We are hearing strong preachments against profiteering and extravagance. Yet it is hardly dawning on the public mind that we can be paying excessively for government, as well as for sugar, meat or fuel.

"Illinois formerly had 125 separate boards and commissions handling its affairs. No one man, no score of men, were responsible. A premium was put on spending.

"Under my administration these bureaus have been consolidated into nine departments, whose chiefs reside at the state capital and are held individually responsible. One effect of this has been to reduce the tax rate of the state 33 per cent in two years. Adoption of a budget system has been a valuable adjunct in saving the taxpayers money. I think efficiency and economy in government is one mighty step in the direction of improved Americanism."

GOV.-GENERAL OF PHILIPPINES FOR FREEDOM

Declares It Not Right That Freedom Should Longer Be Withheld.

By FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON, Governor-General of the Philippines. (First Article.)



Gov. Gen. Harrison

My six years' experience as governor-general of the Philippine Islands have convinced me that the Filipino people are ready and fit to have their independence. I have recommended to Congress, as well as to the executive administration, that independence be granted.

As to the question of the stability of government, I wish to say to the American people upon my responsibility as the governor-general that in my opinion there exists today in the Philippine Islands a stable government, which I think should answer the requirements laid down by Presidents Grant and McKinley, and as I understand it, also by Mr. Root—namely, a government elected by the suffrage of the people, which is capable of maintaining order and of fulfilling its international obligations.

I am very glad to go on record as being entirely in sympathy with the aspirations of the Filipino nation for independence.

I have recommended to Congress that in granting independence some provision be made similar to what is known as the Platt amendment in the treaty with Cuba, which restricts the ability of the new republic in borrowing of foreign governments and also permits the United States to interfere with the affairs of the new republic in case conditions of disorder should be found to prevail. Such recommendation does not come as an expression of the views of the Philippines; it is my own view of what would be desirable to secure a feeling of confidence and satisfaction on the part of all persons who have already invested money in the Philippines or who contemplate doing so in the near future.

But it is not right that independence itself should longer be delayed.

By temperament, by experience, by financial ability, in every way, the 11,000,000 Filipinos are entitled to be free from every government except of their own choice. They are intelligent enough to decide for themselves.

I have found the native Filipino official to be honest, efficient and as capable of administering executive positions as any men I have met anywhere in the world.

These officials are today governing 1,000 municipalities and forty-two provinces, economically, efficiently and for the good of the entire people. They have a native congress, including many graduates of Yale, Princeton, Harvard and other American universities. Other members are graduates of Santo Tomas and other Philippine universities, and in education and ability they compare favorably with any I know.

They have leaders like Speaker Osmena of the House of Representatives and President Quezon of the Senate who would adorn any office.

The Philippines are away ahead of the United States in successful government ownership and operation of public utilities.

The government took hold of the steam railways and made them pay a profit of 1,000,000 pesos a year more than under private ownership.

It took hold of the highways, and we have 7,000 miles of the best macadamized roads in the world. The Manila city government is about to take over the street railways and the gas and electric plants, while the territorial government is arranging for ownership and control of the coal supply.

The movement for independence is a peaceful one. No territory was more loyal to Uncle Sam during the war. It offered an armed and equipped division to our government, gave it a submarine destroyer and oversubscribed Liberty loans and Red Cross funds.

Two million natives speak English fluently, and there are 700,000 English speaking children in the public schools.

I am more than willing to retire if the Filipinos can be granted what they deserve—a government like that of the United States.

How to Achieve Old Age.

Light diet, sobriety and considerable muscular exercise were given as means by which old age may be attained by Prof. Widal recently in a discussion before the Academy of Sciences of Prof. E. Cassagne's "Trentise of Old Age." The speaker asserted old age was more common today than in other times, pointing out that there were 1,000 centenarians reported in statistics issued during the last year.

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